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SUBJECT: VISIT OF JUAN CARLOS TO FRG

BEGIN SUMMARY. THE VISIT OF JUAN CARLOS TO THE FRG  
APRIL 19-23 HAS BEEN A SUCCESS. IT WAS LONG ON  
ATMOSPHERE AND RELATIVELY SHORT ON SUBSTANCE, WHICH WAS  
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WHAT IT WAS DESIGNED TO BE. END SUMMARY.

1.ACCORDING TO FONOFF (HEIBACH) THE FRG REGARDED THE  
VISIT OF KING JUAN CARLOS OF SPAIN AS PUTTING THE  
GERMAN STAMP OF APPROVAL ON THE DEMOCRATIC  
PROCESS WHICH IS TAKING PLACE IN SPAIN. IT WAS  
DESIGNED TO PRODUCE AN ATMOSPHERE OF GERMAN

UNDERSTANDING OF SPANISH PROBLEMS. THERE WERE NO BILATERAL ISSUES SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION. HEIBACH CLAIMED, AND THE GERMAN PRESS REFLECTED, THAT A VERY CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE PREVAILED THROUGHOUT THE VISIT. IT IS REGARDED AS COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL IN BONN. JUAN CARLOS MET WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, PRESIDENT SCHEEL AND EVEN FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER BEFORE THE LATTER DEPARTED FOR LONDON, INDIA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA.

2. JUAN CARLOS REPORTED ON DEVELOPMENTS IN SPAIN. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT FACES A HOST OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND THAT THE TRANSITION GOVERNMENT IS RELUCTANT TO DEAL THEM BECAUSE OF THE ADVERSE POLITICAL EFFECT WHICH A STABILIZATION PROGRAM WOULD HAVE. THEREFORE, ACCORDING TO THE KING, THERE IS A STEADY PROCESS OF ECONOMIC DECAY IN SPAIN. NEVERTHELESS, HE IS CONFIDENT THAT THE EVOLUTION OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS TOWARD STABILITY WILL PRODUCE ECONOMIC STABILITY AND CONFIDENCE IN THE ECONOMY. THE KING STRESSED THIS LAST POINT, APPARENTLY IN THE HOPE OF ENCOURAGING GERMAN INVESTMENT IN SPAIN. HIS GERMAN HOSTS WERE NOT COMPLETELY CONVINCED.

3. QUESTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH SPAIN'S POSSIBLE MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC DOMINATED THE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS. JUAN CARLOS ASSURED SCHMIDT THAT SPAIN REALIZES IT MUST ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OF EC MEMBERSHIP AS WELL AS LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING THE BENEFITS. HE SAID SPANISH APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP CONFIDENTIAL

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WOULD BE MADE AFTER THE ELECTIONS AND FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT. WHILE JUAN CARLOS DID NOT GIVE A DATE, THE FRG EXPECTS THE APPLICATION IN AUGUST.

4. JUAN CARLOS RAISED THE QUESTION OF FISHERIES. AS HE EXPLAINED IT, THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE NUMBER OF SPANISH FISHING BOATS WHICH NOW CAN BE LICENSED TO FISH IN EC WATERS HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM 1,145 TO 124. THEREFORE, THE KING ALLEGED, SPAIN CANNOT POSSIBLY REACH ITS QUOTA. HE REQUESTED EITHER MORE LICENSES OR UNRESTRICTED FISHING BY THE SHIPS WHICH ARE LICENSED. THE KING POINTED TO THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THIS ISSUE (THE FISHERMEN ARE BASQUES). THE FRG PROMISED TO TALK TO THE OTHER EC MEMBERS ABOUT THIS PROBLEM.

5. THE KING ALSO RAISED THE QUESTION OF AMENDMENT OF THE 1970 AGREEMENT WITH THE EC. HE CLAIMED THAT THE EVENTUAL ADVANTAGES TO SPAIN OF THE EC PROPOSAL ARE

TOO VAGUE, WHILE THE DISADVANTAGES ARE CONCRETE AND IMMEDIATE. THE FRG VOICED SUPPORT FOR THE SPANISH VIEW. GERMAN OFFICIALS ALSO RESTATED THEIR INTEREST IN LIBERALIZATION OF THE SPANISH RESTRICTIONS ON INDUSTRIAL IMPORTS. IMPLIED IN THIS EXCHANGE WAS A TRADE-OFF OF INDUSTRIAL LIBERALIZATION VERSUS GERMAN SUPPORT FOR SPANISH VIEWS ON THE 1970

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AGREEMENT.

6. IN REPLY TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS FROM US, HEIBACH CLAIMED THAT POSSIBLE NATO MEMBERSHIP FOR SPAIN WAS NOT DISCUSSED. HE POINTED TO CONTROVERSY OVER NATO MEMBER-CONFIDENTIAL

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SHIP IN SPAIN AND SAID THAT THIS SUBJECT WAS NOT REGARDED IN THE FRG AS RIPE FOR DISCUSSION. HEIBACH ALSO CLAIMED THAT SPANISH PURCHASE OF THE EUROPEAN AIRBUS WAS NOT RAISED. FINALLY, IN SPITE OF CONTROVERSY BETWEEN THE US AND SPAIN OVER DELIVERY OF NUCLEAR FUEL, NEITHER SIDE RAISED THE QUESTION OF SPANISH PURCHASE OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES FROM THE FRG.

7. THERE WAS A TOUR D'HORIZON ON AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST AND CSCE. NOTHING OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE EMERGED, BUT THE FRG WAS STRUCK BY THE INTENSE SPANISH INTEREST IN CSCE.

8. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY PFEFFER TOLD EMBOFF THAT OFFICIALS WHO ACCOMPANIED JUAN CARLOS WERE UNANIMOUS IN PREDICTING A COALITION CONSERVATIVE/CENTER GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE ELECTIONS IN JUNE. WHILE THE PERCENTAGE WHICH EACH OFFICIAL WOULD PREDICT FOR THE CONSERVATIVES AND THE CENTER DIFFERED TO A RATHER LARGE DEGREE, THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THE COMMUNISTS WOULD RECEIVE TEN PERCENT OF THE VOTE AND THE SOCIALISTS 20 PERCENT, THUS MAKING A CONSERVATIVE/CENTRAL COALITION INEVITABLE.

9. PFEFFER ALSO SAID THAT THE KING WAS VERY PLEASED BY THE LACK OF REACTION ON THE PART OF THE ARMY TO THE LEGALIZATION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. HE HAD BEEN VERY FEARFUL THAT THIS REACTION WOULD BE STRONGLY ADVERSE, BUT NOW THINKS THE GREATEST BARRIER TO POLITICAL PROGRESS HAS BEEN OVERCOME.  
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